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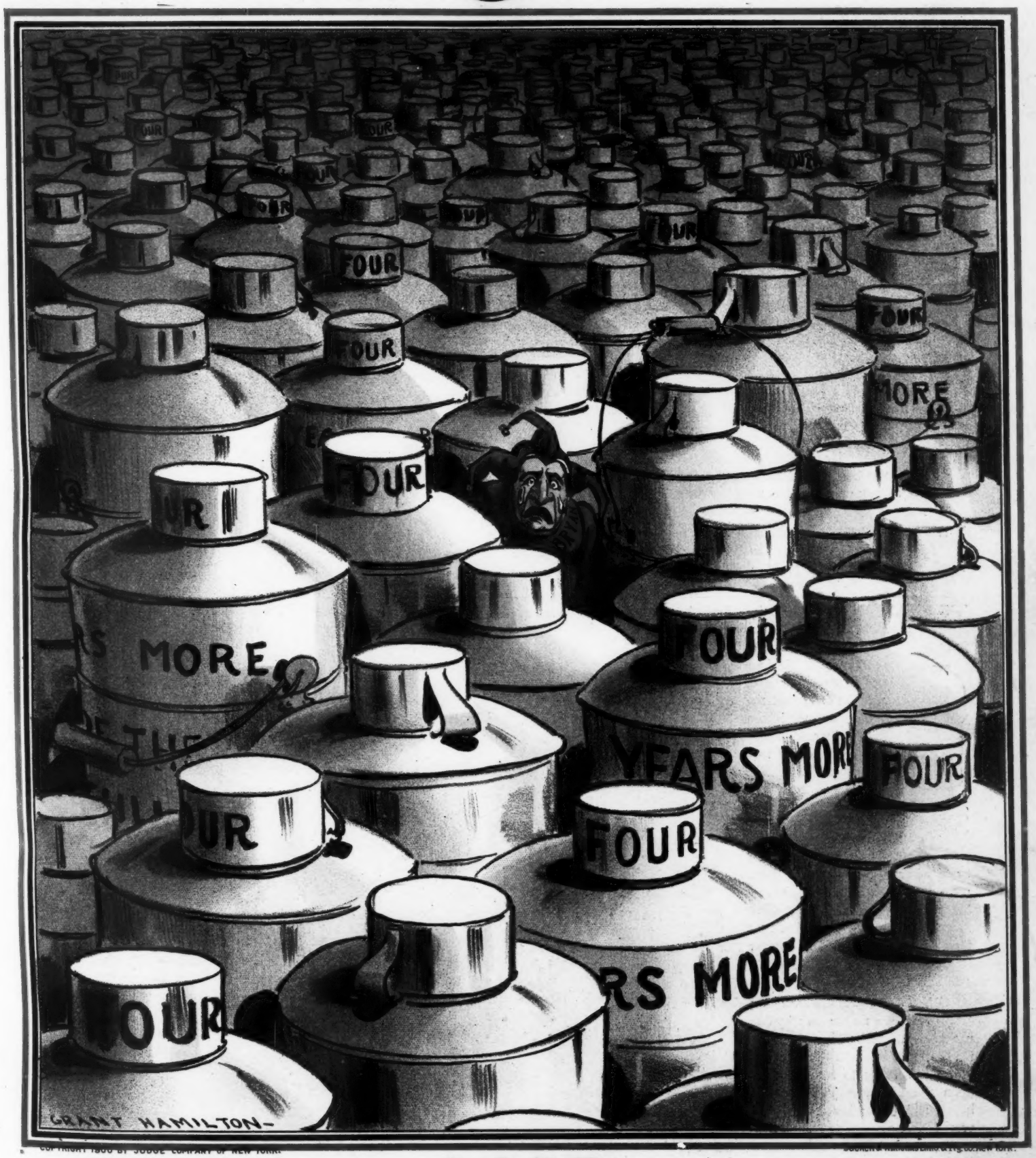

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MR. CROKER thinks the Democratic dark horse of this state is one of another Coler.

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WE SHALL have more time in this town for lecturing the south when we let up on anti-negro riots ourselves.

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MR. HILL will rob the grave the better to annihilate Mr. Croker. We refer, of course, to the corpse of Billy Sheehan.

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IT IS POSSIBLE that China is at last conscious of her strength, but it rather looks as if she had forgotten the information.

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NIKOLA TESLA claims that power can be safely stored in ice; but the Tammany stockholders who have tried the experiment say he is dead wrong.

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THE LOCK-STEP has been abolished at Sing Sing and Tammany hall. Dave Hill and others couldn't be kept in line and time with the leader of the gang, one Croker.

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IT IS NOT singular that Mr. Godkin should prefer Bryan to McKinley. It has long been Mr. Godkin's habit to turn to the lowest depths for relief and to look upon relief as the bitterest of all medicine.

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THE PROHIBITION CANDIDATE for president of the United States fell down stairs the other day and was seriously injured. If elected, Brother Woolley ought to prohibit root-beer and ginger-pop.

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THE MAIN BUSINESS of the dismemberment and rehabilitation of China will be to keep the allies from fighting themselves instead of the enemy. Things are very much mixed, and the danger of the effort to straighten them out would exceed the original one if that were possible.

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SENATOR INGALLS took very much to heart his enforced departure from the senate. Had he been wiser he would have been more discreet, and been happier and lived longer. It is a pity that these mistakes should be made, but it is far easier to make than to recover from them.

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A CHINESE POLITICIAN says he can see no reason why one nation should seek to force its religion on another nation. The United States is seeking to force nothing upon the Chinese. The right of belief and discussion belongs to everybody, however, and it is dastardly to murder men and women for insisting upon their share of it.

THE FULL DINNER-PAIL.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in the history of national American politics a cartoon paper has given a great political party the emblem, the key-note, the chief rallying-cry of a campaign. Mr. Grant E. Hamilton, art editor of JUDGE, did the business with his full dinner-pail, and it was promptly adopted by the national committee and the various state committees, and by the leading Republican newspapers of the entire country. It has had the honor of the opposition of the entire Democratic press, which was prompt to see the danger of it, and it has been a topic of general discussion on both sides of the political avenue during the progress of the debate. Never before has an idea had such thorough possession of the press and the people, and its importance increases as we near November. Mr. Gillam's tattooed man was very successful in *Puck*, but here in a single line is the text of all the business interests of a great people, and its use is equivalent to a presentation of the vital matters to be settled in November next. Surely "a drop of ink makes millions think," and Mr. Hamilton has wrought better than any other individual in the land. The papers of this and several other towns have given the publisher of the JUDGE credit for this brilliant stroke of political argument, but it belongs solely to Mr. Hamilton.

W. J. A.

A CHANCE FOR OLDER BEDFELLOWS.

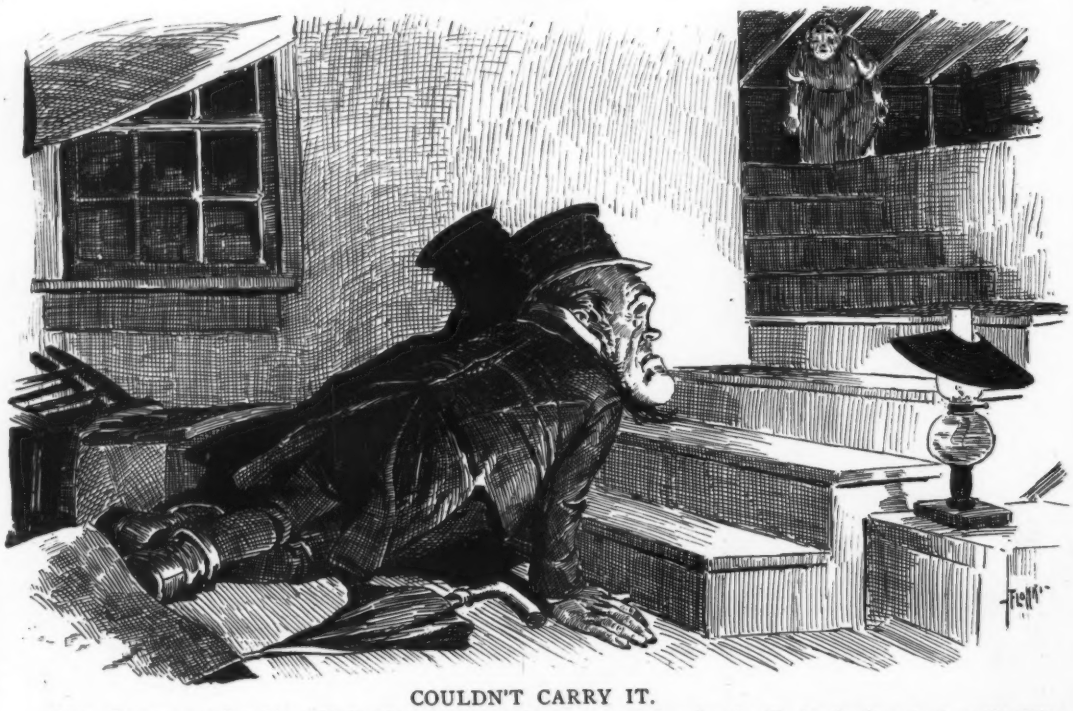
A COUPLE aged over eighty years, living at Nunda in this state, will separate because one wants castors under the bed-posts and the other doesn't. It ought to be possible, with that hint, for Hill and Croker to get up a reasonable quarrel and separation over an entirely new grievance.

IS WORK BRIBERY?

WE ARE a little surprised at the conclusion of the Baltimore *Sun* that the inmates of almshouses and jails get their meals regularly, as do swine and cattle, and that therefore full meals are bribery and means to the purchase of men and women. The point is not worth discussion, but it is quaint and curious enough to warrant a thought of the man who is out of work and can't get either a full meal or a brief one.

TREASON.

MR. BRYAN talks treason when he suggests to the revolutionists of the Philippines, however indirectly, that they had better keep fighting, for if he is elected he will call an extra session of congress and have the war called off. Probably his election would result in no such influence over congress, and an invitation to the enemy to keep fighting is a call to the shedding of American blood that no contingency can palliate or excuse.



COULDN'T CARRY IT.

MRS. GILHOOLY (*sharply*)—"*Well*, Gilhooly, *you* wud mek a candidate for the Keeley institute! A pretty state you're in!"

GILHOOLY (*thickly*)—"I'm a bum cand'date, m'dear. Can't carry m' own state."

SHAKESPEARE IN POSSUMVILLE.

At the box-office—Mr. 'Rasmus Pickins has some difficulty about his seat.

STUDIES IN UNNATURAL HISTORY.

THE SEA-PUSS.

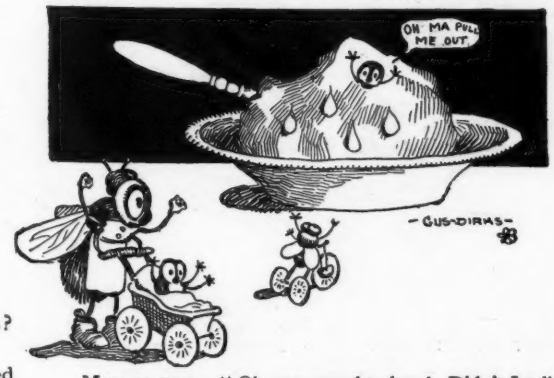
IN OCEAN waters the sea-puss is found,
Cat-like, forever chasing round and round.
She has no claws, but crouching sly and low
She stealthily puts out her undertow.
And when an old sea-dog comes in her way
I'll warrant you there is the deuce to pay!

CAROLYN WELLS

OBSCURITY.

"WHAT became of your friend Harkins? I don't hear of him any more."

"Oh, he's vice-president of the United States."



MAMMA FLY—"Oh, you naughty boy! Didn't I tell you never to walk on butter without snow-shoes?"

'TRUE TO HIS CALLING.

LOVE tired of wooing? Never, dear!
With welcomes he is worn, I fear.
Though Cupid is of heaven-born race,
He's man enough to love the chase!

M. A. M.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

Mrs. Taykitezy—"I'm so sorry to return your beautiful 'Omar Khayyam' in this condition; but the children admired it so much that they couldn't let it alone, and they are not as careful as I wish they were."

Mrs. Frank Asnyce—"Oh, never mind! It doesn't look nearly as bad as I expected it would."

HOW IT HAPPENED.

WEARY WILLIE—"I've just thrown off a short poem on spring."
FRAYED FAGIN—"Ain't it rather late in de season?"
WEARY WILLIE—"Yes, but a feller 's got ter be careful! I've bin wearin' it as a chest-protector all winter and didn't want ter throw it off too quick!"

Photo. by Baker.

JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

MAUDE RAYMOND.

You cannot fail to make your mark
With "Rogers Bros. in Central Park";
And in a part like theirs, all Dutch,
With Katzenjammer gags and such,
You'll outdo them at repartee,
And so a Rogers sister be.

EXPLAINED.

THE GOAT—"Hello! What's the matter over there?"
THE HEN—"Oh! that's a milk-punch—they're just mixing it up."

A GREAT COME-DOWN.

"I WOULD have you know, sir, that my family is descended from William the conqueror."
"Yes," he replied with a quiet smile; "and it still appears to be on the down grade."

ONE TO SELECT FROM.

A LITTLE daughter had lately come to the home of Beth's aunt. Not long after the happy event Beth was asked how many children her aunt had. "Only one," she answered quietly. "All God 's sent her yet 's a sample."

FREQUENTLY.

THAT we have sprung from animals
Seems really quite a pity,
For even now we find that man
Reverts unto the kitty.

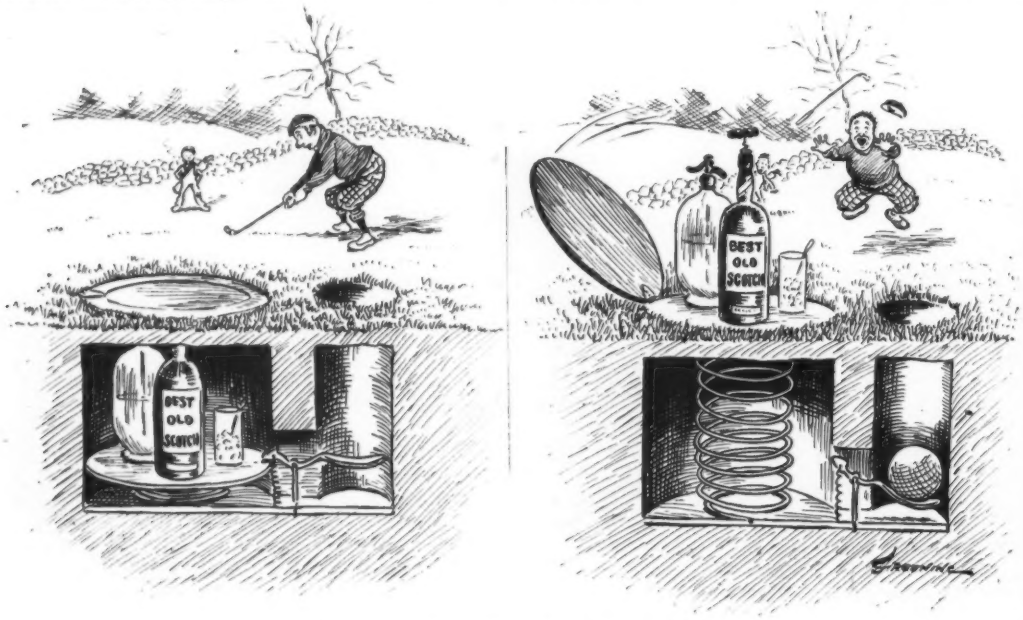
HER HIDEOUSNESS.

Mrs. Hoon—"Mrs. Rockiface is very homely, isn't she?"

Mr. Hoon—"Homely! She's almost as ugly as the front cover of the average magazine."

DURING THE HOT SPELL.

FRAYED FAGIN—"Dat looks like an ice-house. Let's get inter it."
WEARY WILLIE (*shuddering*)—"Never! Remember de Maine ice trust and de mayor uv New York."



HOLE YOUR BALL AND GET ONE!

JUDGE'S patent quick thirst-quencher will save walking back to the club-house and encourage good playing. Send for catalogue.

NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN HEROES.

STRENUOUS Americans, who brave
Death's thunderbolts upon the wave
And scourge the jungles of the east,
These of your heroes be not least!

I. GENERAL BOB SCHENCK OF THE ARMY.

Our "Bobs," who introduced the game
We love to fashion and to fame
And carried to Victoria's court
His poker deck, a dead-game sport!

II. ADMIRAL LAWRENCE OF THE NAVY.

On old lake Erie's rock-bound shore
What voice rings o'er the cannon's roar?
Hurrah! 'tis Lawrence. Hip, hip, hip!
"Never," he shouts, "give up a chip!"

III. CAP'N JIM BOWIE OF THE MILITIA.

Oh nerve! oh knife beyond compare!
Great Bowie's blade could shear a hair.
Aye, more; at times, among his pards
He'd even draw and cut the cards!

JOHN PAUL BOCOCK.

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BUT HE DOESN'T REIGN.

MISS LACEPIN—"It's getting ready to rain."
JACK—"So of the prince of Wales for years."

REASONS FOR SELLING.

FARMER HAYRAKE—"Why dew yew offer this gold-brick so cheap?"

BUNCO-MAN—"'Sh! I've got ter dine wid me fren', William Jennings Bryan, in half an hour, an' I wouldn't have him see gold on me fer de world."

PAPA HEDGEHOG (*a trifle near-sighted*)—"Well, if here isn't mamma back from town already!"

HOW HE PROVED IT.

AFTER some further discussion he said he could prove from the bible that fishermen were liars. We dared him to do his worst.

"Well," he said, "fishermen are men, I reckon."

We agreed with the reckoning, whereupon he produced a scripture passage which read substantially as follows: "All men are liars."

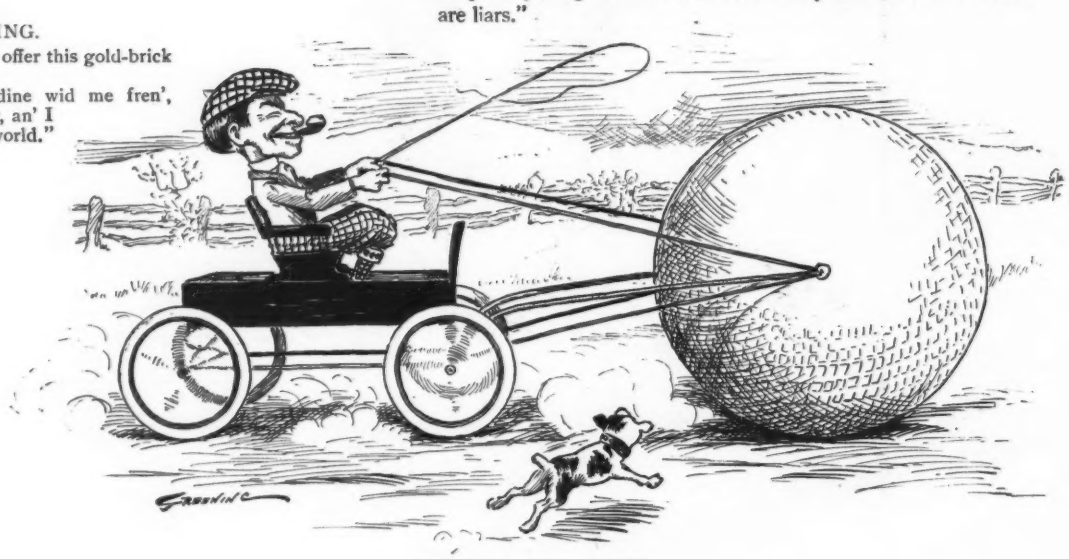
THE NEW JOURNALISM.

SIXTY-NINE pages of rubbish,
Twenty-two pages of rot,
Forty-six pages of scandal vile,
Served to us piping hot.

Seventeen hundred pictures—
Death, disease and despair;
Lies and fakes and fakes and lies
Sandwiched in everywhere.

Thirty-four sad comic pages,
Printed in reds, greens and blues;
Thousands of items we don't care to read—
But only two columns of news.

J. W. BUCY.



NEWS OF THE LINKS.

Yesterday Mr. Toozle drove a golf-ball three hundred yards.

BETWEEN FRIENDS.

MISS JOHNSON—"Oh, yes; he fell in love wif me at sight. It was at de masquerade-ball, yo' know."

MISS JACKSON—"Um! Now I undahstand. How was yo' disguised?"

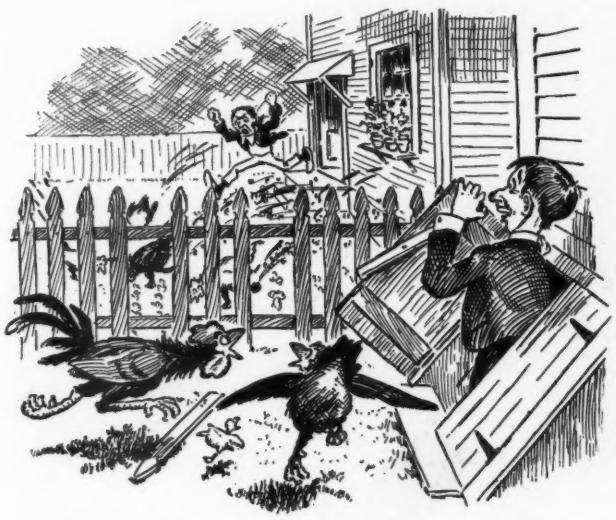
"Sis" will be pleased to answer any questions relating to the welfare of our readers. Write on the edge of the paper only, and limit queries to 500,000 words. Lay your troubles at her feet. Readers will all be answered in their turn. S. H.

Miss Hopkins

Dear Sis—The man who lives next door to me played me a very mean trick and I want to get square on him. Won't you, in your kindness, suggest some method? Thanking you in advance, I remain as ever yours,

R. E. VENGE.

Why not present his wife with a cook-book?



Start keeping chickens and let them into his pet garden.

But if you are awfully sore on him why not induce him to join a golf-club?

GRASPED THE OPPORTUNITY.

"WE LYNCHED a niggah heah last night, suh," remarked the prominent citizen of the southern village. "He was a suspicious-lookin' wretch, and gad, suh! I believe we didn't 'tend to him any too soon. There's no tellin' what such a brute might do."

"What!' exclaimed the traveler from the north; "you don't mean that you hung a man before he had committed any crime?"

"Huh, suh! to do otherwise would be like lockin' youah bahn aftah the hoss had been stolen, suh."

HER WEAKNESS.

Mrs. Hoon—"Mrs. Gabbleton talks a great deal, but never seems to say anything worth listening to."

Mr. Hoon—"Yes; the trouble with her is that she can't persuade her tongue and her brains to collaborate."

TELESCOPIC DIAGNOSIS.

DR. ADJUTANT—"Um! Yes, it's undoubtedly diphtheria, Mr. Giraffe. There's quite a pronounced inflamed patch about twenty feet down."

MR. SQUIRREL—"Hello! What's that you are wearing?"
MISS BIRDIE—"It's a badge. I've joined the Audubon society, you know."

ANOTHER FANCY SHATTERED.

MRS. NEWLYWED (*at the shore*)—"Oh, mother! Harold writes that he is wearing my photograph next his heart; that he takes it out and kisses it every five minutes; that"——

HER MOTHER—"Humph! He must be going around in his undershirt, then, or else he must be lying."

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BRYAN AND HIS CABINET.

pecial artist, F. Victor Gillam, from life.

HIRAM PENNICK

"THE POPULIST CAMPAINER." *His third letter*

TAKES DINNER WITH DAVE DRAKE.

Sun Prarie, Ind. Aug. 19, 1900.

Deer JUDG —

Well, I got yur paper, and see yur runnin' my letters. The artist feller that draws the fotygrafts tries to make me out komical. Well, I kin take a joke wells the next feller, but seems to me if you'd just stik to plane fax 'thout pokin fun, it'd help more for to carry the country.

Sum folks will laff on the other side of their face when they see the landslide fer Populism, specially the rowdiz that cut up at meetins. Well, the editor of the Grove *Item* putt in his paper that I was cumin', and had the band out, and leadin citzens in the perceshun. Dave Drake, justic of the peac, tuk me to his house fer dinner, where I had sum of the best sweet corn I ever eat.

A DISTINGUISHED NEW YORK CITIZEN FOLLOWS HIM INTO TOWN.

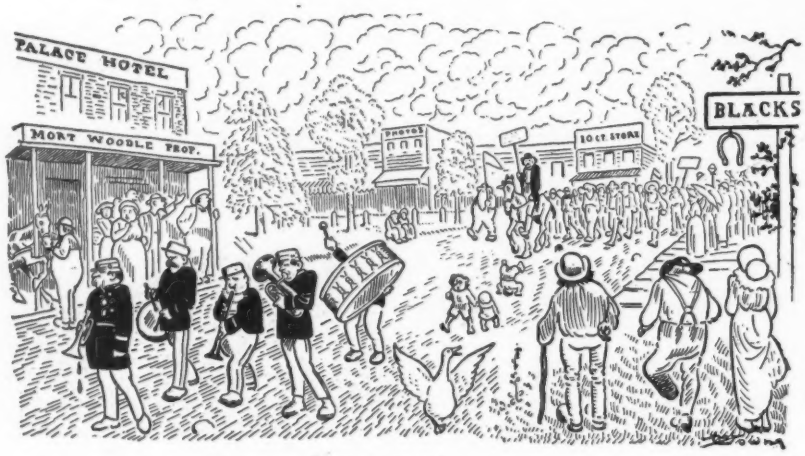
Lish Walker, hed of the band, heerd I was writin fer a N. Y. paper, and said if I felt I cud, he'd like fer to have me write a little suthin complement of their playin. While I haint up in musik, I kin say that I never heerd better playin. If you fellers in New York want sum rousin musik fer yer big Populist perceshuns, or ice cream soshables, it'd pay you to write to Lish Walker, an git terms. They went to Cleveland 3 years ago, fer Dekoration Day, an got [illegible], and R. R. tikets.

Votes are gainin. One feller, who said he was a leadin citzen of yur city four years ago, and cud sign his name fer a million in Wall Street, follered me in from out near Blunt's Corners; hes been lookin fer work, and says this here talk 'bout prosperity is all humbug. If there is any, he hain't seen it. I had the *Item* editor print off sum bills as follers: which I send to the Postmaster to hang up:—

Notic:—Hiram Pennick, Populist, will be in yur town soon, speakin on the campain, and denouncin the way Mark Hanner and his party is carryin' on.

Those who stick up fer Populism, and those who don't, is invited to the Public meetin, but no rowdiz.

Yurs truly,
HIRAM PENNICK.



LISH WALKER'S BAND LEADS THE PROCESSION.

HIS ABRUPT DEMISE.

Mrs. McLubberty—" Poor Duffy's death was moighty sudden, wasn't ut?"

McLubberty — " Ut was thot! He wint to bed well, an' got up in the mar-r-rnin' stone dead."

A LIE SOMEWHERE.

JACOBSTEIN —" Dot feller 's a fakir!"

COHEN—" Dot feller 's a liar! Look at der top line und der bottom vun! Dere's a lie somevere."

WILLIE FROG —" Come on, fellows, hurry up; Jimmie's getting a licking!"

AS TO QUEER NAMES.

The man from Punxsutawney and the man
from Kokomo
Discussed the Chinese troubles, and the first
said, "Don't you know,
I think these Chinese names are queer enough
to stop a clock."
"That's right," replied another man from fair
Caucomgomoc.

The man from Kokomo observed, "By ginger!
that's a fac'.
That's what my brother says—he lives down
here in Hackensack."
And still another stranger said the man's com-
ment was true;
And added with a smile of pride, "My home 's
in Kal'mazoo."

Another man took up the strain. "Now, down
Skowhegan way
And up at Ypsilanti we speak it every day.
The names are all uncivilized and heathen in
their ring.
That's what I told my uncle yesterday in Ish-
peming."

"Hohokus is my native town," another stran-
ger said;
"And I think all these Chinese names the worst
I ever read."
"Quite true," agreed a quiet man; "they're
certainly uncanny.
That's what my neighbors all assert in Tail
Holt, Indianny."

—*Josh Wink in Baltimore American.*

Headaches and loss of appetite are common complaints in the spring. Try DR. SIEGERT'S Angostura Bitters, and beware of cheap domestic substitutes.

Dr. Chargem—"What led you to decide that a consultation was necessary in the case of this patient of yours?" *Dr. Grabb*—"I happened to see his rating in Bradstreet's."—*Philadelphia Press.*

A pretty young lady, whose name is well known,
From acute indigestion most sallow had grown;
But she took Ripans Tabules, and now her friends state
That in health and good looks her improvement is great.

After the United States had experimented in making rain by firing bombs France is stopping storms by firing cannon. And somewhere between the two processes is the middle ground of the faith-cu'ist.—*Chicago News.*

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Judge AT THE THEATRE.

"They're off!" The dramatic season in New York has fairly begun, though it is not until the latter end of this week and the beginning of next that the real novelties—such as the comic operas, "Rose of Persia" at Daly's and "Monks of Malabar" at the Knickerbocker; the French farce, "The Husbands of Leontine," at the Madison Square; Annie Russell in the new romantic comedy, "A Royal Family," at the Lyceum; and "Fiddle-de-Dee" at Weber & Fields'—begin to crowd upon us. This is doing very well for September—and in presidential-election year, too. Evidently the toiling Thespian rejoices in the possession of a regular full-meal ticket, which presumably is the theatrical equivalent for the workingman's full dinner-pail.

Constant additions are announced to JUDGE'S formidable list of dramatized novels, published in this column two weeks ago. The latest are Thomas Nelson Page's "Red Rock," Mary E.

(*Continued on page 3.*)

Turn it upside down

—it won't hurt it. There's no sediment in

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Tess—"I really believe some man is taking an interest in Miss Slokoche." *Jess*—"What makes you think so?" *Tess*—"She used to fasten her belt with ordinary pins, leaving their points exposed; but now she's using safety-pins."—*Philadelphia Press.*

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Some women might have a past if they could only catch up with it.—The world would be better off if more parents married to please their children.—You can always tell whether a woman is in love by how much nicer she treats the shop-girls.—*New York Press.*

The pioneer among Bitters is Abbott's, the Original Angostura Bitters. First and best. *Ask for Abbott's.*

He—"Sugar has gone up again." *She*—"Yes; we use such a lot of it on fruit now." *He*—"That ought to make it cheaper." *She*—"No. When our groceryman sells plenty of anything he puts up the price; and when he doesn't sell much of it he puts up the price."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

The universal favor with which the Sohmer piano is meeting is the result of its tone and structure, which are not excelled by any in the world.

"I told Miss Oldgirl the other evening, for a joke, that every time she laughed I wanted to kiss her." "Did she think you meant it?" "Well, whenever I meet her now she begins to laugh for all she's worth."—*Pick-me-up.*

Visitor (viewing the new baby)—"He's the very image of his father." *Proud mother*—"Yes; and he acts just like him, too." *Visitor*—"Is it possible?" *Proud mother*—"Yes; he keeps me up nearly every night."—*Chicago News.*

Justice may go toe sleep, but hit kain't die.—Charity 'gins at home, an' ef hit is quite feable hit ends dar.—Affectation is tryin' toe make brass pass fo' gold.—A lie nebbah stops runnin' w'en truf is on hits track.—Character is somet'ing dat stays w'en eberyt'ing else is gone.—How easy hit is fo' a lazy man toe prove dat luck is 'gainst him!—W'en one man is heatin' a furnace fo' anuddah he nebbah t'inks 'bout de price ob coal.—*Arkansaw Thomas Cat.*

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"JUDGE" AT THE THEATRE.

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Wilkins's "Jerome," and James Lane Allen's "The Choir Invisible." Then there is David Belasco, just back from Europe with enough projects for original plays and dramatizations to craze any two ordinary playwrights, yet who adds to the number of books to be staged the forthcoming novel by Egerton Castle, entitled "The Secret Orchard," a posthumous story by the late Stephen Crane, and some more of the Japoneries of John Luther Long, who originated "Madame Butterfly." Belasco can do it.

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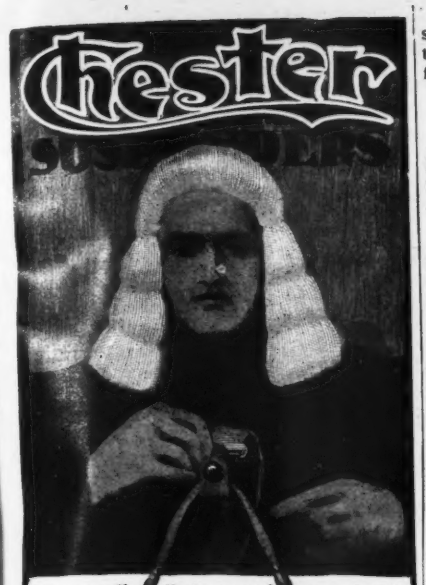

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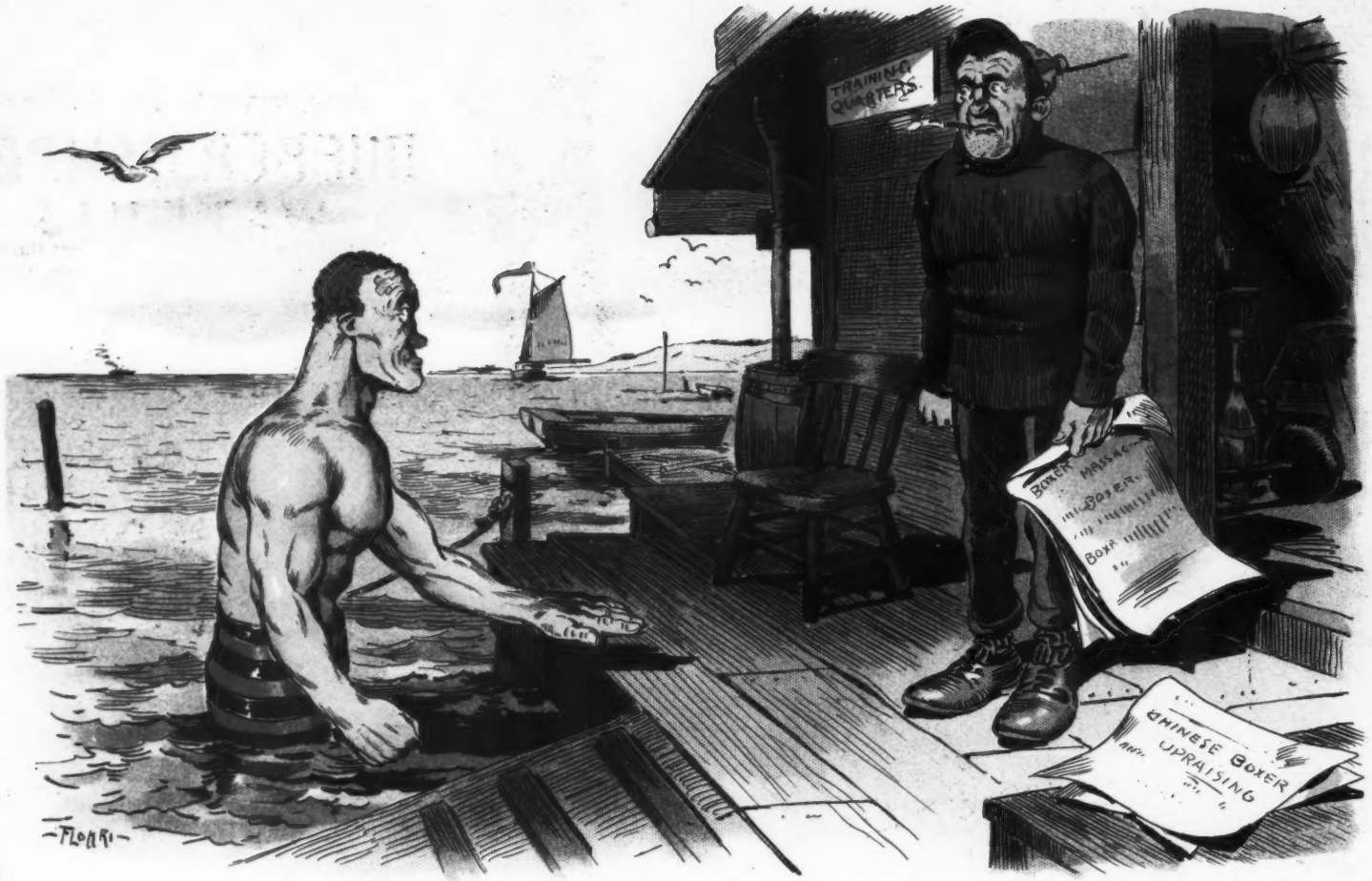

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